

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Board Meeting In Person/Via Zoom  
September 27, 2021  
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President, Matt Hendrie, at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Jen Scott, Michael Campeau, Carrie Crosley, Kim Rasch, Matt Hendrie, Rick St. Peter and Pete Slovinski

Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President, Matt Hendrie.

**Approval of Agenda**

# 6727 – Motion by Pete and seconded by Carrie to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

**Public Participation**

- Tom Threatt spoke regarding being let go as a football/baseball coach.
- Jeff Foster, Varsity Baseball Coach, spoke in support.
- Steve Lathrop, JV Football coach, spoke in support.
- Jason Baker, parent, spoke in support.
- Jodi Slinkard, parent, spoke in support.
- Michael Slinkard, parent, spoke in support.
- Randy Wright, parent, spoke in support.
- Ethan Flynn, student, spoke in support.
- Amber, parent, spoke regarding how to take natural immunities into account for quarantining.

**Recognitions/Presentations**

None

**Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

None

## **Leadership Reports**

### **Ken Haggart, Superintendent**

- Ken spoke regarding the maskless choices. The rules and procedures we have to follow for wearing masks and not wearing masks. We have to make a decision on when a person is vaccinated – what are the rules if they test positive; masked, unmasked? What about close contact? Masked, unmasked if close contact? What about quarantine for these three? Public Health has been giving rules each week as they change. We thought last year was stressful. We will get through this. Our principals are not doing education anymore – they are doing medical. The stress on the staff is becoming difficult.
- There is a group in Detroit (Legal Team) putting together a plan that if a district knowingly puts kids with co-morbidities together with students who are not masked, will hold the school boards liable. The data is not there, but this Detroit group is really pushing for it.
- There is a group, Let Kids Play, is a group stating that masks are a danger to your health and social well being. We will be keeping an eye on this in policy in order to protect the Board.
- We had a meeting with Bunnita Ouwinga on sex and selves regarding sexting and what a crisis this is becoming. When kids get in trouble for doing this, it never goes to the prosecutor. The superintendents are trying to set up a meeting with Worth Stay to discuss how bad this situation is.
- Extended Covid Plan – we are probably going to have to approve this. In order to have teachers come back who are retired, we need this. Matt asked if we have any teachers who are retired and still working. Rick discussed the testing going on.

### **Bing Hanson, Director of Finance**

- Bing feels things are still at a standstill.....we are in limbo. The consolidated app isn't even available to write yet.
- Auditors are finishing up clients whose fiscal year end is March 31. We have a deadline of November 1, so hopefully they will be finished by then.

## **Board Committee Reports**

Finance/Personnel – Next meeting will be at 6:15 p.m. on October 11.

Facilities/Policy – Met September 27 at 6:00 p.m. Michael discussed the policy committee. There may be a test case in Decatur soon. Political activities at school – simple current policy stating that we do not allow petitions at school events or school buildings. Our legal team is asking that we tighten up our policy before the 2022 election cycle. Jen discussed facilities – sinking fund projects, at Pathfinder double doors were just checked off the done list. High School drive is completed and seems to be draining well. Middle School is putting in new air

handler units which is in progress. Pathfinder is investing in a new chiller system which would help our air conditioning system in the entire building. The committee did a facility walkthrough this summer. Matt asked if the softball dugouts were covered by insurance when the wind took them out. Also discussed the camera system in school. Scott had brought up that some of the high schools, middle school and Pathfinder are not working. Rick will be invited to present on this at another board meeting. In October they will do an athletic walkthrough. Next meeting will be October 25 at 6:00 p.m. Ryan will be coming in to do an update of sinking fund projects at the October 26 committee meeting. Matt asked regarding the property swap on the football parking lot.

### **Action Agenda**

# 6728 – Motion by Pete seconded by Kim to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021 Board of Education meeting.

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion passed.

### **Board Communications/Discussion**

- Staff appreciation – October 8 at 5:00 p.m. - Matt is heading up the committee. He is going to check with Jose Escalante on pulled pork. Will have games and prizes. Matt asked regarding enough black roll to cover the track when kids walk across.
- Rick discussed that the Pine Street Complex is pretty impressive.

### **Adjournment**

# 6729 - Motion by Kim and seconded by Rick to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

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Michael Campeau, Secretary